



Gresham Smith

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) Meeting #1 Summary & Discussion Notes

DALLAS BIKE PLAN

Gresham Smith Project No. 45505.00

Meeting Date: April 28, 2022

Discussion: Project Overview, TAC Purpose, and Review of Criteria for Project Development

MEETING SUMMARY:

1. **Opening Activity:** Gresham Smith Planner, Amanda Sapala, led TAC members in an interactive online activity, asking participants to locate a place they love to spend time outside in the City of Dallas with a dot on a map and then respond to a second virtual survey question with the specific place they like to go and what they like to do there.
2. **Introductions:** City of Dallas Department of Transportation Project Manager, Jessica Scott, introduced the project and its purpose and need. Members of the City of Dallas and Gresham Smith project teams, including subconsultant members of the Gresham Smith team, introduced themselves to TAC members. TAC members also introduced themselves to each other.
3. **Project Overview:** Amanda Sapala provided more detail and background regarding the project, including its scope and purpose, key activities and goals, geographic limits, and timeline. She explained the project process for conducting an existing conditions analysis and determining priority projects and their prioritization, funding, and phasing.
4. **TAC Overview:** Amanda Sapala outlined the purpose and estimated timing for each of the five meetings of the BAC during the life of the project.
5. **TAC Open Discussion:** Amanda Sapala led the TAC in an open discussion regarding committee members' experience participating in the development of other planning documents, setting a committee charter, and inquired of the TAC best practices they recommended for plan development. Regarding the committee charter, Amanda noted the things the project team needs from the TAC (active participation, honest reactions, thoughtful & challenging feedback, and collaborative suggestions), and then she polled the TAC members to see what they needed from the project team.
6. **Plan Development Process:** Gresham Smith Planner and Engineer, Katie Rowe, outlined the project and plan development process for the TAC including the project's research and methodology, process for updating the plan, and a comparison of the 2011 plan's prioritization factors and proposed 2022 plan evaluation criteria. Katie's presentation concluded with a call to action for the TAC to be considering plan evaluation criteria recommendations for the next meeting.

Genuine Ingenuity

DISCUSSION NOTES:

1. Opening Activity Responses: Where do you like to spend time outside / What do you like to do there?

- a. Trinity Trails: Bike or walk dog
- b. Katy Trail: Go for walks
- c. Levees: Walk my dogs
- d. Bike from LHTC and scavenger hunt with kiddos
- e. Greenville Ave.: People watch
- f. Arboretum and Dallas Zoo: Walk, enjoy the outdoors, look at flowers and birds
- g. General: People watch
- h. General: Bike, run, walk, and picnic
- i. General: Walk the dogs and enjoy nature!

2. Open Discussion Comments

- a. Prior Plan Development Experience
 - i. Most of the TAC members had not participated in a similarly situated committee to develop a master plan
- b. Committee Charter
 - i. TAC prefers materials for review 1 week in advance prior to meeting
 - ii. Flood plains should be considered at the concept phase for any priority projects
 - iii. Include funding for maintenance
 - iv. Recommend considering the potential impacts to surface and subsurface
- c. Master Plan Best Practices: From plans that were well implemented
 - i. Clear schedule with identified task owners, who have already agreed to the task
 - ii. Clear funding sources identified and outlined
 - iii. Community buy-in secured from the beginning (not having early buy-in has killed projects before)
 - iv. Overarching themes: early and often
- d. Master Plan Lessons Learned: From plans that were not implemented
 - i. Unclear funding sources
 - ii. Ownership of land/real estate/ROW was not secure

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- iii. Communication regarding project was late and scant
- iv. Community pushback on road diets in neighborhoods – not communicating benefits of multimodality
- v. understanding implications/perceptions of improvements regarding gentrification for communities of color
- vi. unclear metrics/unclear goals
- vii. lack of leadership/interdepartmental support
- viii. Need a realistic plan for Dallas (think about current mode spread)
- ix. communicate a clear *why* for our goals to the public
- x. focus on quality recommendations (not quantity)
- xi. floodplain can change/kill projects (cost infeasible)

This represents our understanding of the items discussed at this meeting. If you have any questions or comments concerning any of the information contained herein, please contact me.

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Enclosure: PowerPoint Presentation; Interactive Survey Activity Output; Discussion Board Output

Dallas Bike Plan

Technical Advisory Committee

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Meet the Team



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City of Dallas



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Manager
Project Manager,
Dallas Bike Plan

City of Dallas



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Consulting



Project Scope

- **Update the Bicycle Network**
- **Identify a Core Bicycle Network**
- **Establish Design Standards and Standard Details**
- **Update the Project Prioritization Framework for Funding and Implementation**
- **Set a Path for Memorializing the Dallas Bike Plan in Planning and Code**



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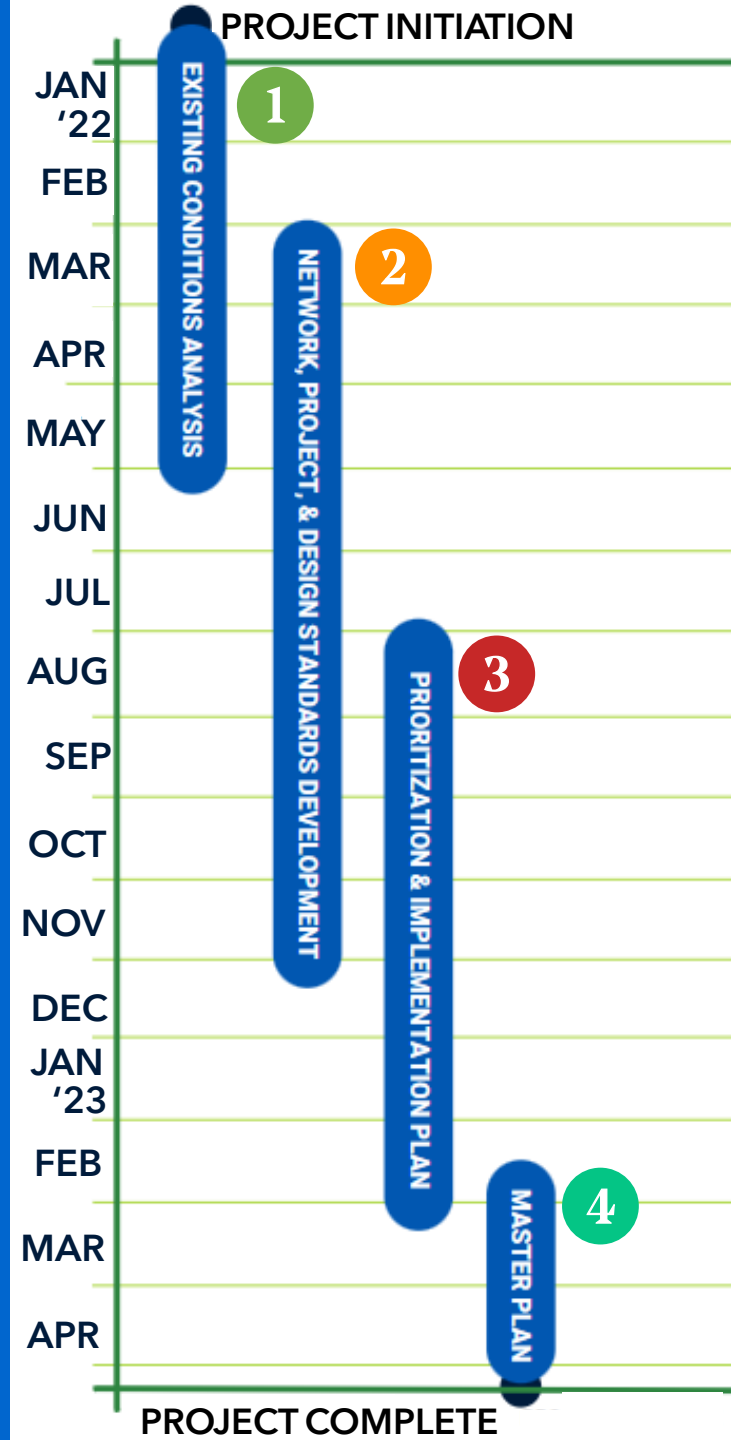
EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS

- Demand
- Level of Traffic Stress
- Safety
- Public Health
- Equity
- Network Gaps
- Plans & Policies
- Peer Cities

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DEVELOP BICYCLE NETWORK, DESIGN STANDARDS, PRIORITY PROJECTS

- Network Alternatives Evaluation
- Feasibility Evaluation
- Standards, Guidelines, Specifications Review
- Identify Priority Projects
- Initial, Draft, Final Recommendations



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PROJECT PRIORITIZATION, FUNDING, & PHASING

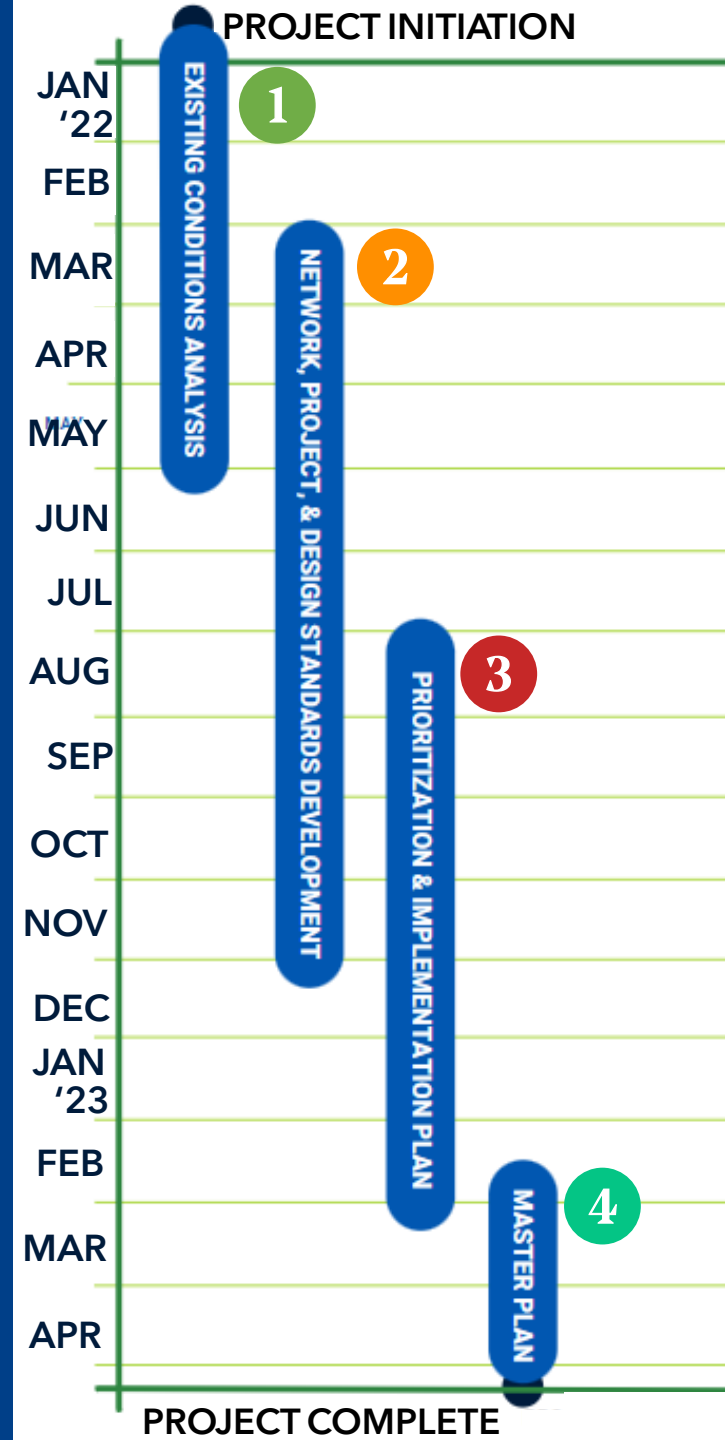
- Project Prioritization Framework
- Prioritize Identified Projects
- Project Cut Sheets
- Funding Analysis
- Project Estimates
- Phasing Recommendations
- Implementation Recommendations



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PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- Draft Plan
- Revised Draft Plan
- Final Plan



Purpose of Technical Advisory Committee

MEETING SCHEDULE

1. Project introduction. Review criteria for project development. (May 2022)
2. Review draft prioritization framework. Provide recommendations. (June 2022)
3. Review initial bicycle design standards & specifications. Provide edits/recommendations. (July 2022)
4. Review revised prioritization framework and approve. (August 2022)
5. Review received bike network, design standards. Review proposed priority projects. (September 2022)
6. Review prioritization of priority projects and adjust. (December 2022)
7. Review project cut sheets and funding estimates. (January 2022)
8. Review draft plan. (February 2022)



OPEN DISCUSSION

- Prior Plans
- Committee Charter
- Best Practices to Consider



Research and Methodology: An Informed Plan Update

Dallas Strategic
Mobility Plan

Forward Dallas
Comprehensive
Plan

Trails Master Plan,
and others

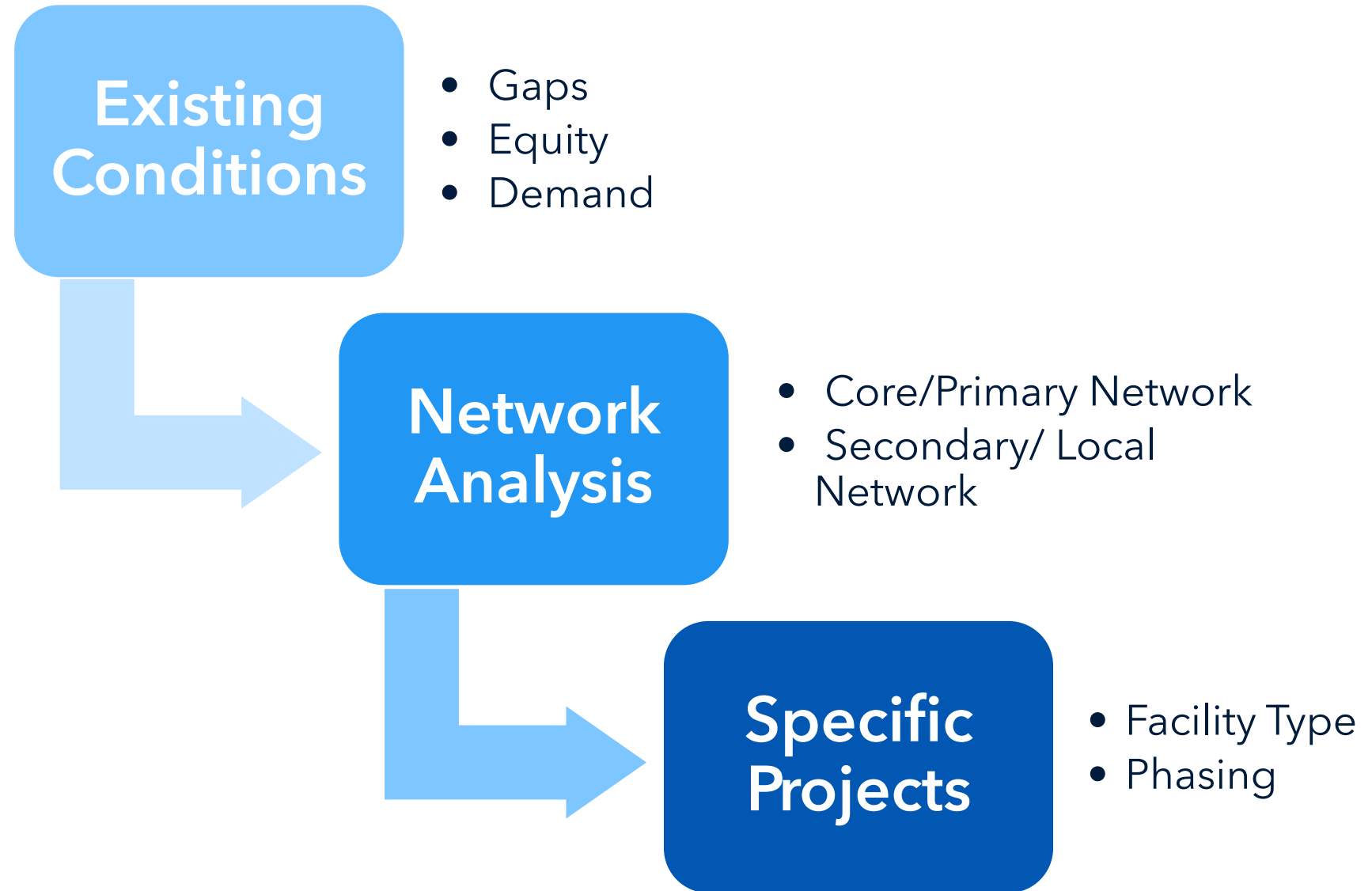
Vision Zero
Adoption

Bicycle Plan Update

Improved Interconnected & Equitable Transportation Network



Process for Updating the Plan



Network Analysis: The Plan Moving Forward

2011 Plan Prioritization Factors

1. Bikeway connections within 3-mile radius of DART rail station
2. Connect existing trails to destinations and to each other
3. Bikeway connections around employment centers and educational facilities

2011 Proposed Criteria "Weighting"

Criteria	Max. Weighting
Part of existing project	16
City Council priorities key focus area	15
Funding secured	10
Proximity to dense residential land use	10
Proximity to city bike share program station	10
Safety	10
Connection to rail transit	10
Linkage to an existing or soon-to-be operational link	4
Destination	4
Barrier crossing	4
Mobility improvement	4
Other intermodal	3
TOTAL	100

2022 Plan Evaluation Criteria

1. Equitable safe bicycle facilities from residential areas to activity centers
2. Safe local connection to the existing trail/paved shared use path system
3. Safe local connections to DART rail stations and bus transfer stations
4. Complete existing bicycle gaps
5. Support for and advancement of Dallas Strategic Mobility Plan objectives



2022

Prioritized Projects

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3	District 4 Project #1: Morrell Sharrows Design - from Ewing to Corinth Approx. 4100 ft
4	District 4 Project #2: Ewing Bike Lanes and Sharrows Design - from Clarendon to Cedar Crest Trail Approx. 7750 ft
5	Gap Project Connecting 5 Mile Trail to Ledbetter Station Design Approx. 650 ft
6	STUDY - Lawnview Gap Connection (Military Pkwy to Hunnicut) Approx. 1500 ft
7	Bexar to Lagow Bicycle Facility Connection Design Approx. 10,200 ft
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6. Others TBD

By Mid-Summer 2022

- Existing Conditions Analysis
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- Candidate Projects Identified

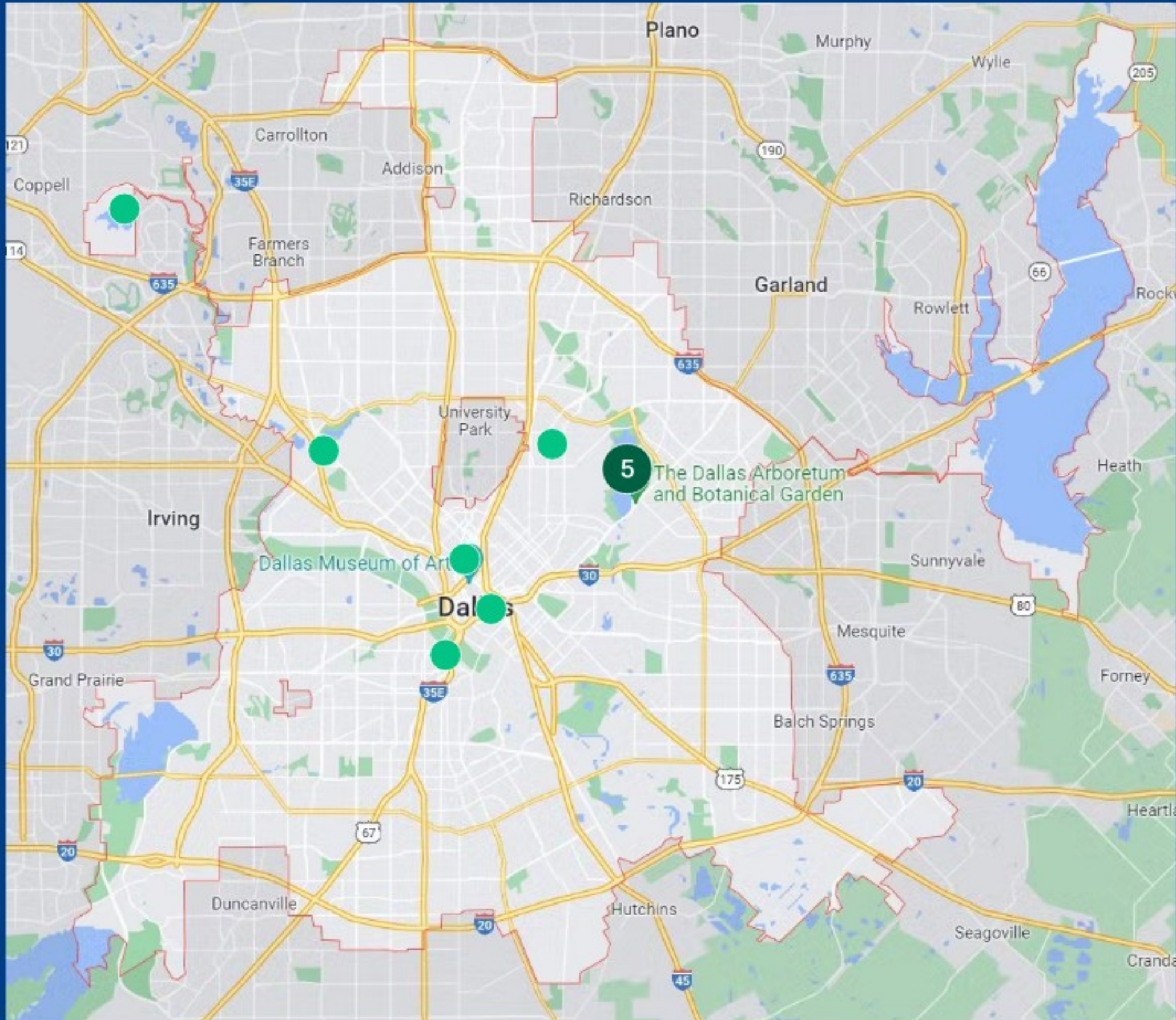


By Fall 2022

- Application of Evaluation Criteria
- Project Prioritization



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Walk, enjoy the outdoors, look at flowers and birds. Arboretum and dallas zoo... 2 dots :-)

What do you like to do outdoors at the place you pinned?

Trails, walk, parks

White Rock Lake - walk dogs

Walk through downtown and the neighborhoods around downtown. We are urban planning nerds and like to see new projects around Dallas.

I enjoy walking around downtown

sun bathe

TAC Committee Charter

What We Need From You

- Active participation during discussions & with offline reviews
- Honest reactions
- Thoughtful & challenging feedback
- Collaborative suggestions

What You Need From Us

- Example: Preferred lead time for materials preview - 1 week
- Flood plains considered at concept phase
- Maintenance funding
- impact of surface and subsurface utilities - early consideration

Master Plan Best Practices

Implemented Plans

- Example: Clear schedule with identified task owners, who have already agreed to the task
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Plans Not Implemented

Example: Unclear funding sources

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